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\$1. Per Year.

Clothing will go now if Prices will move it.

Owing to the reorganization of this firm to take place January 15, next, we have determined to reduce the stock, and these are the prices by which we mean to do the work.

TO BUY OR NOT TO BUY

will be a question early settled when you have fingered our superb bargains and noted the prices. There are over 300 FINE SUITS, and 150 elegant, up-to-date OVERCOATS in the list.

50 suits that were	\$ 6 50, during this sale	\$ 5 00
50	8 50,	6 50
50	10 00,	7 50
50	12 50,	9 50
50	15 00,	12 00
25 Hand Made Suits	18 50,	15 00
25	22 50	18 50

THESE OVERCOATS ARE BEAUTIES

40 Overcoats that were	\$ 8 50, during this sale	\$ 6 50
40	10 00,	7 50
25	12 50,	9 50
25	15 00,	12 00
20	18 50	15 00

1,000 Pairs of Pants at a reduction of 35 per cent. All other goods in proportion.

As to the style, quality of fabric, and superior workmanship of these garments, we stake our reputation on them. Not an old garment in the lot. Everything the latest and best.

Fearnside & Company.

Of course you understand we are headquarters for the leading makes of Men's and Boys' Shoes, and Men's Furnishing Goods of Elegant make and Exclusive design.

San Mateo Cigars,

Rich, Mild, Fragrant and Absolutely Pure.

Captured First Prize at the Florida State Fair in Lake City.

Our 5 cent "San Mateo" is made from the choicest growth of Florida leaf, grown by Americans on our own plantation at San Mateo, and manufactured in a clean American factory by American workmen.

Our 5 cent "Silk Opera" is made from the highest grade of Imported Havana. We make it for those smokers who require the aroma of the genuine Cuban-grown leaf.

FOR SALE IN PALATKA BY

Gay Brothers, Rob't James, M. J. Murphy, Ackerman & Stewart, L. A. Smith, T. H. Keating, Harry Stewart, J. L. Burt, R. S. Mooney.

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Gay Bros. Merryday Grocery Co., Vertrees & Co.

DR. G. GOLDSTEIN,
THE OPTIC SPECIALIST OF LOUISVILLE,
KY. IS AT THE GRAHAM, FOR A
FEW DAYS ONLY.—His
THIRD VISIT.



Errors of refraction of the eyes are daily assuming more importance and are causing more than ever the attention of physicians. Even the public is becoming interested after discovering how much science is able to improve the vision power and aid the defective eye to enjoy the beauties of nature in the same degree as the perfect eye.

It is the fact now generally known and needed by all oculists and educated physicians that certain so-called "eye diseases" as well as many cases of chronic headache, neuralgia and nervous prostration are due to irregularities of the refractive media.

Patronize Home Industry
and sleep with a clear conscience on a clean, comfortable bed made by W. K. COFFEY, Fiber, Moss or Cotton. If your dealer does not handle them call at the factory opposite court house, Lemon street. Wholesale a specialty. Mattresses made over.

Francis Fiber Mattress Co.

LOST—Between Peniel and Rifenburg's, Christmas eve, an overcoat. Finder will please return to J. S. Granger, Palatka.

The Great Spirit told the Indians, and they told us about the phenomenal curative powers of OCKLA-WATHA. You can find out about it at the Putnam Pharmacy.

LOST—Spectacles and case. Loser calling at Racket Store and describing same and paying for this ad. can have them.

FOR SALE—Tents and lamps for protection of orange trees. MARTIN GRIFIN.

If you want to get your money's worth, and see a good COLD knock-out, use Peck's Pine Tar Syrup. (Improved).

Go to Mrs. Puddy's, Central Lemon street, for chickens and eggs. All Groceries.

Death of Mrs. de Montmolin.

Mrs. H. M. de Montmolin of this city died at the home of her parents in Jacksonville last Friday morning, January 2d, of pneumonia, after a brief illness. The funeral was held at the Presbyterian church in this city, of which deceased was a member, on Saturday afternoon following, Rev. Thos. P. Hay officiating.

Mrs. de Montmolin was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Dunn, formerly prominent Palatka people. She was born in Palatka 28 years ago and most of her life was passed here. She was united in marriage with Col. H. M. de Montmolin January 18th, 1898. Mrs. de Montmolin was a noble Christian woman and all so fortunate to know her became her friends. Her death has brought sorrow into the community. Her funeral was generally attended.

Guards' Muster Roll.

At the meeting of the board of county commissioners on Tuesday, Jan. 7th, the following names composing the correct muster roll of Co. "D" 2, Regt., F. S. T., were submitted for exemption from jury duty:

Jno. D. Points, captain; E. Noble Calhoun, 1st lieutenant; E. E. Neek, 1st sergeant; C. H. Wigg, quartermaster sergeant; J. C. Brown, Roban Varney, Chas. Burt, H. H. Gerber, Jack Harrison, P. H. Cane, J. C. Lewis, Edward Usina, E. N. Truelove, David Thompson, J. M. Trull, Pat McGraw, St. John Wigg, Louis Leyvraz, Jas. Perkins, Robt. L. Armstrong, H. B. Gordon, Robt. James, Jno. W. Thompson, John Vinson, H. B. Gordon, A. W. Neubeck, H. H. Winegar, J. D. Bury, R. E. Bury, Jno. Falkner.

HONORARY MEMBERS.—Geo. E. Gay, E. J. Gay, C. Carman, G. Loper Bailey, Thos. Holden, H. S. Wilson, Hubert Wilson, A. E. Wilson, S. J. Kennerly, I. M. Meyer, Wm. Fry, F. J. Fearnside, Thos. H. Keating, H. Stranz, M. J. Murphy, Jos. Courier.

Guards' Select Committees.

At the regular annual business meeting of the Gem City Guards held at the Armory on Tuesday night, quite a great deal of business was transacted, the most important being the selection of the standing committees and a secretary and treasurer for the ensuing year. All were elected unanimously as follows:

ARMORY COMMITTEE—Lieut. E. N. Calhoun, Segts. R. E. Neek and J. D. Bury.

FINANCE COMMITTEE—Lieut. Calhoun, Sergt. C. H. Wigg and Corp. R. E. Bury.

RECRUITING COMMITTEE—Lieut. Calhoun, Corp. Bury, H. R. Gordon, Chas. Burt was chosen as treasurer, and Harry H. Gerber secretary.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned.

Our New Commissioners.

The new members of the board of county commissioners, T. J. Rogers of Putnam Hall and Jno. C. Strickland of Grandin, who took hold of the reins of county management last Tuesday, are both representative citizens and level headed men of affairs. Mr. Rogers will be new to the work, but his familiarity with business affairs and his knowledge of the needs of the county will soon operate to make of him one of the most valued members of the board. Mr. Strickland comes back to the board after two years of voluntary retirement, and will enter upon his duties rich in past experience. He was always a popular member and can be counted on at all times to do the right thing. The county is to be congratulated upon the high character of its present board of county commissioners.

Ocklawaha Season Begins.

The steamer Metamora of Lucas New Line, made its initial trip of the season up the world famed Ocklawaha river yesterday with a good list of passengers. The steamer has been thoroughly overhauled and painted fresh and tastefully, presenting a most attractive appearance, and will undoubtedly more than maintain its present popularity. Manager Lucas certainly knows how to cater to the comfort of his patrons as has been amply testified by some of the most influential men in the country—notably that of the Vanderbilt party of a year ago.

Some time ago my daughter caught a severe cold. She complained of pains in her chest and had a bad cough. I gave her Chamberlain's Cough Remedy according to directions and in two days she was well and able to go to school. I have used this remedy in my family for the past seven years, and have never known it to fail," says James Proddergrast, merchant, Annota Bay, Jamaica, West India Islands. The pains in the chest indicated an approaching attack of pneumonia, which in this instance was undoubtedly ward off by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It counteracts any tendency of a cold toward pneumonia. For sale by Ackerman & Stewart, druggists.

The army of President Castro of Venezuela has defeated the revolutionists several times during the past week. Fifteen hundred more revolutionists are reported marching on Caracas.

Rev. J. M. Yingling, pastor of the Bedford St. M. E. church, Cumberland, Md., says: "It affords me great pleasure to recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and Diarrhoea Remedy. I have used it and know others who have never known it to fail." For sale by Ackerman & Stewart, druggists.

The Water Hyacinths Will be Sprayed.

Government Squirr Gun Has Resumed Work.—Report to War Department Says the Fluid Didn't Kill the Cattle.

Three weeks ago the News published the information, brought to this city by John W. Glisson and other reputable citizens of Bostwick, that several cattle in the neighborhood of Rice Creek had been dead from eating water hyacinths which had been sprayed by a fluid from the government steamer LeReve, now plying the waters of the St. Johns river and tributaries for the purpose of destroying all the hyacinths possible with a limited governmental appropriations of \$30,000.

Mr. Glisson reported some sixteen dead cattle at Rice Creek. Others were found later. So great was the feeling that Hon. S. J. Hilburn was impressed into the service of the cattle men and asked to urge the governor of Florida to request the government to stop the work pending an inquiry. The governor acted promptly and secured an order from the war department in accordance with his request.

That the inquiry did not favor the cause of the cattle men, and that the war department takes a different view of the matter, is apparent, for the spraying process has been resumed. The inquiry instituted by the war department was completed Dec. 24th, and on that day a report was made to the chief of engineers U. S. Army, Washington. The report on which the department has decided to resume work is as follows:

U. S. Engineer's Office, St. Augustine, Fla., Dec. 24, 1902. Brig. Gen. G. L. Gillespie, Chief of Engineers of U. S. Army, Washington, D. C.

General—I have the honor to submit the following report on the alleged poisoning of cattle by the Harvester compound for destroying water hyacinths.

The compound contains arsenic acid in such proportion that one gallon of the liquid or spraying contains about 140 grains of arsenic acid. One gallon of liquid is enough to spray about 12 square yards of hyacinths; certainly not less than 10. If a cow should eat 1 square yard of sprayed hyacinths she would get fourteen grains of arsenic acid, supposing that no liquid ran off into the water. I am informed that 250 grains is a medicinal dose for a horse, and I do not believe that fourteen grains would be likely to injure a cow. But even if it would, she could not possibly eat that much at once. Moreover, cattle do not like the sprayed hyacinths, which probably has a disagreeable taste. It cannot be said that they never eat it, but they take it only sparingly. The few animals that have been known to eat the sprayed plant have been subsequently watched, and no ill results have been noted.

There is a possibility that the dead hyacinth, without the compound, is deleterious to cattle. It is reported from Louisiana that if cattle eat the wild yucca, killed by frost, they are likely to die. The like is reported of the peavine and sweet potato vine in Florida. It may be that the dead hyacinth also is injurious. After the frost of 1896 there were a great many dead hyacinths, and a number of cattle subsequently died; but this may have been from some other cause.

It has been suggested that drinking the river water after spraying has caused the sickness. The dilution is so great that I do not think this possible. There is abundant evidence that the fish are not poisoned.

Work of spraying hyacinths has been carried on at Black Creek and at Rice Creek. The deaths of cattle have occurred at Rice Creek, but they remained quite healthy. This seems to be certain, and I think it has great value.

The hyacinth is good food for cattle, and was introduced by stock raisers into many localities. Owners of stock do not seem to be strongly opposed to its extermination.

Mr. Bruce, in his report, speaks as follows: "In giving due weight to the evidence obtainable it might be well to take into account the fact that the people along Black Creek seem anxious to have the hyacinth exterminated, as their greater interests seem to depend upon the navigability of the creek, while the people along Rice Creek would seem to prefer keeping the hyacinth for grazing, they being mostly stock-raisers, with no use for navigation, except, occasionally, to raft out a few logs."

In conclusion I would say that I do not believe that the cattle in question have died of arsenical poisoning, and I do not think it probable that the hyacinth had anything to do with the sickness. However, I have given instructions that crude poison be mixed with the compound. This, it is believed, will prevent cattle from touching the sprayed plants. Very respectfully, Your obedient servant, FRANCIS R. SHUNK, Captain, Corps of Engineers, U. S. Army.

Miss Etta Alldredge, aged twenty-two years, daughter of the county sheriff, at Oneonta, Ala., liberated two prisoners, Louis Gurley and Mayhew Murphree, during the absence of her father Monday night. Miss Alldredge is reported missing, and notice has been sent to neighboring towns to look for her, as well as the prisoners. Gurley was charged with murder, while Murphree was under sentence for a minor offense. The girl was in love with Murphree.

GOINGS ON IN FLORIDA.

The total bonded indebtedness of Florida is \$1,032,000.

The county commissioners of Alachua county have decided to build 25 miles of good, hard road.

The new Methodist Episcopal church at Madison was dedicated last Sunday by Bishop A. Coke Smith.

William Sumpter and Robert Strauch, two negroes, will be hanged in the jail yard in Tallahassee today for murder.

Sir Wilfred Laurier, premier of the Dominion of Canada, with Lady Laurier are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Flagler at Miami.

A car load of 400 crates of lettuce from Sanford sold in New York last week for \$1,200. Other returns show sales of lettuce at from \$2.50 to \$5 per crate.

The fools are not all dead—in Alachua county. Two of them residing at Alachua have just been taken in by New York green goods sharks to the tune of \$280.

Jacksonville spiritualists got together on Sunday nights regularly, and talk with "spooks"—or at least think they do—under the mediumship of Mrs. Minnie Brown.

This doesn't often happen: Charles H. Leggett, clerk of the court for Nassau county, has tendered his resignation, and E. R. Williams has been appointed by the governor in his stead.

H. F. Cary, district passenger agent of the Southern R. Y., has just returned from Cuba, where he has been trying to promote travel to and from this country and Cuba. The Southern Railway issues high class literature describing both countries.

Manuel Chaves a rich young Cuban of Tampa is on trial for the murder of Chas. T. Allen. Allen went home one day last summer and found Chaves acting rather too familiarly with his (Allen's) wife. The trial is one of great local interest.

The Elks are pretty swift people when anything is needed for charity. The order in Jacksonville is hustling for a charity fair to begin in Blair bridge's opera house next Monday night and continue each night during the week. And they'll raise the coin, too.

W. W. Weeks a Jacksonville grocer whose store is on the shell road running to Evergreen cemetery, was struck by a negro foot pad New Year's night, and after remaining unconscious until Saturday died from his injury—a fractured skull. There is no trace of the murderer.

The Jacksonville criminal court, last Monday morning, was opened by prayer by Rev. N. W. Shields. Then the judge proceeded to take up a "collection" by fining between 200 and 300 who had failed to pay their license tax. It is not stated whether the "benediction" was pronounced, or not.

The state railroad commission elected last November was organized on Tuesday by the election of Hon. Jeff. B. Brown of Kern West, as president. Mr. Dunn was re-elected secretary. The election of Brown will surprise many of the politicians, who had banked on Morgan for that office. The new president is undoubtedly the ablest man on the board.

Miss Mattie A. Race a well-known young woman of Jacksonville who is a stenographer at the Seaboard Air line office was attacked and robbed of her pocket book by a negro foot pad at the corner of Main and First streets, Jacksonville, at 6:20 o'clock Monday night. The young lady was knocked down. Her purse contained a \$50 check, on which payment has been stopped.

Charlie Scott and Dan Carroll two Pensacola boys under 12 years of age stole a bottle of whisky last week and got so drunk that they fell on the track at a railroad crossing where they lay in the rain until a fisherman stumbled over them. The headlight from a coming locomotive revealed the fact that one of the boys had crossed the track, and had he not been discovered and removed by the fisherman, would have been run over and killed.

Mrs. Mary Burk, of Tampa, wife of Jacob Burk a former engineer of the Beach & Miller Line of St. Johns river steamers, died on Monday morning after a long illness. Mrs. Burk was well known in Putnam county being a former resident of Crescent City, where she visited last summer as the guest of her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. L. Burton. She leaves a husband and three sons one of whom, Frank Burk, is the well-known Secret Service man of New York who gained distinction by his arrest of Green and Gaylor, in Quebec last spring.

LEGLESS, LUCKLESS IN LOVE.

John J. McCann, 27 years old, whose legs were cut off above the knees by a locomotive several years ago, and Miss Mary Reilly, 23 years old, went to the city hall New York recently to be married. McCann rode on a three-wheeled vehicle made for him. His friend, Bernard McCabe, pushed the carriage and Miss Reilly walked alongside. The mayor's clerk had nearly finished making out the papers when Mrs. Kate O'Neill, McCann's sister, with whom he lives, rushed in all out of breath and shouted: "Stop this marriage! The couple are first cousins!" The proceedings ended.

No Better Off.

"Poor Robinson! He couldn't make a living and married a woman with money."

"But isn't he all right now?"

"Hardly. She is so close with it that he has to work harder than ever."

Life.

But They Help Not a Little.

"Of course, clothes don't make the man."

"Certainly not."

"At the same time, if you have a new suit you'd better put it on when you go out to ask for credit."—Chicago Post.

CONDENSED WORLD NEWS.

The peoples bank of Barnesville, Ga., has suspended.

Col. Evan P. Howell was sworn in as mayor of Atlanta on Monday.

Senator Cullum hopes to report the Cuban reciprocity treaty in about a week.

The blockade of Venezuelan ports by Germany and Great Britain will remain in force.

Former Premier Sagasta, of Spain died at 11 o'clock Monday night of heart failure, at his home in Madrid.

The new Pacific cable is now completed to Hawaii and messages with Honolulu are now daily received and sent.

The triangular fight for the U. S. senatorship in Delaware is now on and the public will again be filled with gas—Addicks.

Seventeen deaths have occurred from lockjaw at Norfolk, Va., since the holidays as a result of wounds inflicted by toy pistols.

Thomas J. Conrad, baggage agent at the Union depot, Macon, Ga., was murdered Monday by a young negro employee. The negro has escaped.

President Roosevelt has snubbed the U. S. white republicans of South Carolina by appointing W. D. Crum, a well-known negro, collector of the port of Charleston. The appointment has aroused the bitterest feeling.

The Episcopal church council of Mississippi which is to meet in Jackson on the 20th inst., will probably elect Rev. Dr. Arthur Lloyd, of Richmond, Va., bishop, in place of the late Bishop Hugh Miller Thompson.

Dr. David Jayne Hill, first assistant secretary of state, will resign to accept the post of U. S. Minister to Switzerland. Dr. Hill has held the office of assistant secretary of state longer than any of his 24 predecessors, excepting Mr. Seward.

The census bureau report on the cotton ginned from the 1902 crop, up to and including Dec. 13th, last, is 9,321,834 bales, irrespective of shape or weight, equal to 8,905,508, according to the commercial counting. This is 90.2 per cent of the crop.

Mrs. Francis Sphylaski of Toledo, Ohio, on Monday gave birth to quadruplets, two girls and two boys. The latter, being named Samuel Jones and Theodore Roosevelt. Mrs. Sphylaski six years ago gave birth to twins and about a year later to triplets. All of these have died.

Judge Gaynor of the New York supreme court has granted an order restraining the executive committee of Tammany Hall from meeting or taking any action pending a hearing by the court for the re-appointing of Wm. S. Devorey as a member of the committee from the Ninth district.

A mob at Indianola, Miss., has forced a negro postmistress at that place to resign, but the department at Washington will not accept the woman's resignation, and has closed the Indianola postoffice until such time as the citizens will accept their negro postmistress. The mayor of the town says that conditions are such that he would not advise the woman to open the office, but he says he will protect the woman's life and property.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR

Tax Deed Under Section 8 of Chapter 4888, Laws of Florida.
Notice is hereby given that E. S. Paine, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 50, dated the 4th day of July, A. D. 1898, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Putnam County, Florida, to wit:

As to nw 1 of nw 1 and sw 1 of section 6, township 8 range 27, 100 acres.
The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Mrs. W. J. Hardy. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 11th day of Feb. A. D. 1903.
Witness my official signature and seal this 8th day of January, A. D. 1903.
(Seal) JOSEPH PRICE, Clerk Circuit Ct. Putnam Co. Florida.

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Sw 1 of nw 1 and nw 1 of sw 1 of section 5 township 8 range 27, 100 acres.
The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Mrs. W. J. Hardy. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 11th day of February, A. D. 1903.
Witness my official signature and seal this 8th day of Jan. A. D. 1903.
(Seal) JOSEPH PRICE, Clerk Ct. of Putnam County, Florida.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR

Tax Deed Under Section 8 of Chapter 4888, Laws of Florida.
Notice is hereby given that E. S. Paine, purchaser of Tax Certificate No. 1 of 38, dated the 4th day of Nov., A. D. 1895, has filed said certificate in my office, and has made application for tax deed in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Putnam county, Florida, to wit:

As to nw 1 of nw 1 and sw 1 of nw 1 section 4, township 8, range 27.
The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of A. C. Richards. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 11th day of Feb. A. D. 1903.
Witness my official signature and seal this 8th day of January, A. D. 1903.
(Seal) JOSEPH PRICE, Clerk Ct. of Putnam Co. nty, Florida.

The News is only one dollar the year—53 issues. This is about as good a time as any to subscribe.

CURIOUS STORIES.

From the News of the Week.

BUSHEL OF PROPOSALS.

Mrs. E. F. Goldsmith and her daughter, Mrs. Anna Brown, of Bay Shore, L. I., who some time ago advertised that, being widows, they were anxious to be remarried and wanted suitable husbands, continue to receive replies, and now have about 2,000 letters. They have received as many as 191 in a day. The women still hope to obtain definite results from their advertisements, but say they will not accept any proposal unless it is clear that they will better their present condition.

SOLD HIS OWN HEAD.

Walter Jennings, of Florence, Colo., has just sold his head for \$2,000 to a Chicago medical institute. He will receive \$1,000 down and his relatives will collect the other \$1,000 when his head is delivered to the purchaser. Jennings is one of the few victims of hydrocephalus who has lived to his majority. His head measures 36 inches in circumference, and his hats are made to order. He has also an affection of the spine, which compels him to walk with a cane. His mind, however, is weak, but his relations, it is said, have consented to his unusual bargain.

LEGAL PROTECTION FROM CUPID.

Martin J. Case, of Milwaukee, who fears that through a hypnotic spell he will be compelled to marry Miss Minnie Ormond, for whom he alleges, he has no affection, gave his consent in court recently to the appointment of a guardian to avoid the ceremony.

Case said he had first come under the influence of a hypnotic spell he had been told through her application to become his housekeeper. He said the woman sat on his lap and hypnotized him until he agreed to marry her. He is over 50 years old.

DIVORCE FOR INSURANCE.

Because her husband, Dr. Louis F. Klemm of Milwaukee would not support her after she had paid his expenses through medical college to fit him for a medical career, Mrs. Aleda M. Klemm obtained a divorce before Judge Tarrant last week. She asserted that at the time of their marriage he was a student in a medical college, and that, as she had \$700 saved up, she paid his board, bought his clothes and books and supported herself, that he might finish his course. She asserted, she furnished the board and bought him a horse and buggy with which to make calls.

LOVES ART MORE THAN WIFE.

Arthur V. Dale of St. Paul, was arrested for non-support Dec. 20th at the instance of his wife, Martha B. Dale. There are three children. Dale pleaded not guilty. Dale was once a proof-reader, but he concluded he could write poetry. He gave up his life to art. His wife left him and he managed, he said, to give her \$5 a week until three weeks ago. Then the poetry business grew dull and his funds low. "She is not artistic, not a bit of it," he said. "She lets the children run around the house unkempt and my finer sensibilities at last revolted. That's the cause of it all. Art is my god and I shall, therefore, serve art."

"BORN IDIOT" BEING CURED.

Physicians of St. Paul, Minn., are following with interest the case of William Anderson, 18 years old who is being treated at the Mayo Medical authorities say the disease, which is roughly defined as congenital lack of brain power, is seldom found outside certain valleys in Switzerland. Its victims are generally considered hopeless idiots. "The lad has been an idiot since birth, lacked even the sagacity of a dog, but he is now slowly acquiring the power of speech. This is one of the few cases on record in this country. Young Anderson is able to articulate a few words. An effort will be made in a few days to prove an association of ideas in his brain."

READY TO MARRY BY LOT.

Claret B. Simpson has written to Postmaster Cromwell of Tacoma, Wash., from Troy N. Y., that she and 20 other Troy girls have formed a matrimonial club with the object of providing wives for Pacific coast men. The club is the result of a story circulated in the east that 500 men of Tacoma and other coast cities were in need of wives.

Miss Simpson, president of the club, which, she says, will choose by lot the members who shall marry first. Their plan is to forward to Postmaster Cromwell photographs of the girls thus selected and have him distribute them among the men wanting wives. The club will provide funds to defray the expenses of its members to the coast, one at a time. If the meeting with the young man with whom the wedding has been arranged by correspondence and exchange of photographs is not satisfactory, then the club will pay the girl's expenses back to Troy.

WOMEN HIGHWAY ROBBERS.

Corra Fuller and Mary E. Queen, comely young women of Baltimore, have been arrested for highway robbery. Barney Abrahamson was the victim.

While going home at 3 o'clock in the morning he noticed that two women were following him. The larger walked close up to him and mumbled something, and before Abrahamson could reply she struck him in the face with a sandbag. As he fell the other woman fell on him and held him down on the pavement.

"Are you going to murder me?" gasped the frightened man.

"Keep your mouth shut and we won't hurt you," replied the